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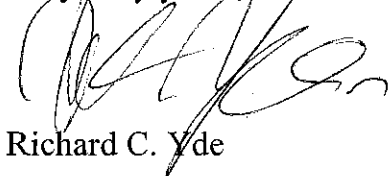
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Re: Northern States Power / Ashland Lakefront Site

Dear Mr. Crass:

As you know from discussions about a similar proposed agreement last year, your suggested changes to the confidentiality agreement are not acceptable to the City of Ashland. While we are trying to accommodate your desire to keep the allocation report confidential, the fact is that there is no justification for claiming confidentiality.

Very truly yours,



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